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Area under Sugarcane Cultivation
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the area under sugarcane cultivation in the country during the last three years, year-wise; and

(b) whether it is a fact that a very less area has been covered under sugarcane sowing in the country during the last three years and if so, the reasons for the decline?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

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(a) & (b): The details of area coverage under sugarcane cultivation in the country during the last three years are given as below:

Year Area of Sugarcane (lakh hectares)
2014-15 50.67
2015-16 49.27
2016-17* 45.03
* As per Third Advance Estimates

The normal area under sugarcane cultivation in the country is 50.05 lakh hectares (average of 2011-12 to 2015-16). During 2014-15 and 2015-16, area under sugarcane has been around the normal area coverage. However, area under sugarcane declined during 2016-17 to 45.03 lakh hectares primarily on account of lesser area coverage under sugarcane in Maharashtra. The area under sugarcane cultivation depends on farmers' preference, shift of area to other competing crops, agro-climatic conditions, inter-crop profitability, irrigation facilities, resource availability with farmers and timely payment of cane dues to farmers by the mills etc.

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